GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2330
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
RESETTLEMENT OF RETIRING DEFENCE PERSONNEL
VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average anticipated number of officers, Junior Commissioned officers and other ranks likely to be retired during each of the next five years;

(b) the details of schemes launched for providing alternate jobs to this trained and disciplined manpower;

(c) the number of retired soldiers below fifty years registered on the rolls of respective Dte. General of Resettlements who have not found any alternate job as on date; and

(d) the details of long-term plan for resettlement of retired soldiers including resettlement on Government land, particularly in J&K and Eastern Sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2330 9.3.2000.

The total average number of retirees from the three Wings of the Armed Forces was about 56,000 during the period 1991 to 1998. The approximate Service-wise break up is as under:-

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During the last two years there was a decline in the number of retirees due to the freeze in normal retirements on account of the increase in the retirement age as a result of the acceptance of Vth Central Pay Commission`s recommendations by the Government. However, during the next five years, the average number of retirees would be more or less on the earlier pattern.

Efforts are constantly on to explore various avenues for employment of ex-Servicemen. The Central Government is providing the following avenues for resettlement/re-employment of ex-Servicemen:-

(i) Training programmes to re-orient retiring defence personnel towards civil employment;

(ii) Reservation of posts to provide re-employment opportunities in Government/Semi-Government/Public Sector Organisations; and

(iii) Schemes for self-employment.

The Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri has been established for laying down the general policy on the welfare of ex-Servicemen and their dependants; for the administration of welfare funds and also the coordination of the work of the Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) and Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs). Applications for sanction of loans are submitted by ex-Servicemen directly to the concerned Zila Sainik Boards in their - respective States. The applications are scrutinised and those who satisfy eligibility criteria as well as other terms and conditions are recommended for sanction of loans through State Financial Corporations aided by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Scheduled Commercial Banks, District Central Cooperative Banks State Land Development Banks and Regional Rural Banks aided by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), and the State KVIB/Banks aided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). A total of 3,01,685 ex-Servicemen were on the Live Register of various Rajya Sainik Boards and Zila Sainik Boards as on December 31, 1998.

The following schemes for self employment are available to ex-Servicemen:-

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(v) Allotment of army surplus disposable class VB vehicles.

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